

Signal Crest United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
July 21, 2019

1. **In Attendance: See attached roster of attendees.**
2. **Devotion.** Tom Cofer, Church Council Vice Chair, opened the meeting with a devotion discussing church and unity, referencing John 17:20-23. Josh Kilbourne then led a prayer. Josh stated that he is a follower first, before being a leader, in that Jesus leads us to the promised land.
3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** The May Church Council meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Lisa Andrews made a motion to approve, and Kathy Robertson seconded the motion. The May 2019 meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.
4. **Trusted Leadership.** Marti Wayland presented the draft of the new Music Fund policy for the Trusted Leadership team. The new policy follows the same format as the recently approved Memorial Fund process, which ensures that requests are documented and that the request is not for an already-budgeted item. Each request must be approved by the Music Director. The Trustees will review requests to determine whether there is overlap with other requests and that the need is not already being addressed. The Finance Committee will then review the requests to ensure that funds are available. Mark Smith, Church Council Chair, then stated that the new Music Policy would be distributed along with the meeting minutes prior to the next meeting, and that discussion and a vote on the proposed policy will be held at the August Church Council meeting.
5. **Opportunities for young people with special needs.** Tom Cofer discussed his work with the Capernaum Young Life group. He recently returned from camp where there were 300 special needs children in attendance. Miracles occurred at this camp.

In Chattanooga there are groups doing work for special needs children, but not much is being done on Signal Mountain. School is available through age 22, but Tom has children in his group who are aging out. Currently there is a group meeting at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church called Night Owls. They are looking to make this an effort of all the Signal Mountain churches.

Tom stated that they are asking for prayer and feedback from the community as what needs exist. The group is not making a request for money, but will likely seek to use the Crest Center gym in the future. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Tom Cofer.

6. **Finance.** Tina Close, Finance Committee Chair, stated that we have hired a temporary accountant who has made great progress to date. We are expecting updated financial information to be available in 1-2 weeks.

7. **Introduction of new Director of Children's Ministries.** Mark Smith introduced Rachael Dow, who is the new Director of Children's Ministries. Rachael provided an overview of her background. She most recently worked at Hixson UMC, and she is greatly appreciative of the warm welcome she has received from Signal Crest.

Upcoming activities in Children's Ministries include:

- August 4: Blessing of the backpacks.
- August 11: Back to school night at 6:00 pm, which will include an ice cream party and family games with a "build it" theme.
- August 18: Club 45 messy game night. During 4th and 5th grade kids are asking tough questions, so is a critical time for kids to get to know each other and their importance in the church.
- August 25: Club 45 is starting back up. The curriculum is staying with Orange. They will be going through Bible chronologically. In the fall Club 45 will be doing a "Why do we (blank) series", where you fill in the blank and discuss. For example, why do we work, why do we pray, and why do we still have hard times?

The Wednesday night curriculum will involve working with Bibles and memorization, including how to look up verses. There will be a missional component that covers what it means to be the hands and feet of the church.

8. **Music Director Report.** Allan Ledford, Director of Music, stated that Van Smith would be performing the 11:00 service on July 28 as part of the Nancy Crewe Summer Series. Van is the beloved "WPS Guy" of Signal Mountain.
9. **Pastor's Report.** Josh Kilbourne, Senior Pastor, presented the Pastor's report. Josh is very appreciative of gifts and messages he has received from the congregation. Josh sees great days ahead for Signal Crest UMC and stated that we have a great leadership team. Josh praised Doug Fairbanks for the job he did over the last few months, and thanked Bill Thornton for being a stabilizing force. Josh emphasized the importance of fully devoted discipleship.

In August Josh will focus on our Vision Plan in each of his sermons. This will tie into a spiritual gifts class that Kathy Robertson, Rebekah Ducote, and Josh will be teaching beginning in August. Mike Sluder from the Holston Conference office will be doing on-boarding with the staff this coming week.

Josh has had his best connections with smaller groups, and had a great day with JOY group. Basketball camp was a great gift to open the church to the community.

Bill Thornton, Associate Pastor, stated that he sees that new people are coming to Signal Crest. He sees new families every week, particularly at the 9:00 service. New attendees are being met with hospitality and follow-up.

Kristin Robertson is a finalist for Tennessee teacher of the year.

The next Church Council meeting will be on August 18.

A prayer request was made for Bill Dudley.

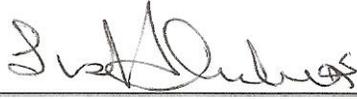
10. **Facilities.** Fred Wildman, Facilities Director, stated that the parking lot will be resealed and restriped. A broken window in the ChildrensqCrest will be replaced with tempered glass, and safety film will be put on the windows in that space. He also discussed that the Preschool hallways will be repainted.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Rev. Thornton.

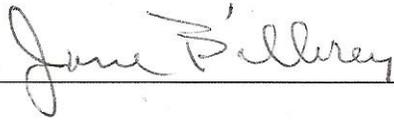
The meeting was then adjourned.

Steve Strickler, Secretary

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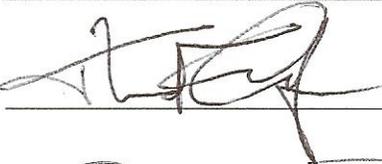
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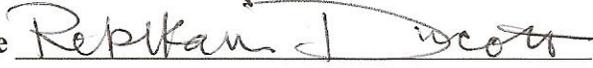
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Tom Cofer 

Rebekah Ducote 

Kelly Eller _____

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Carla Helm _____

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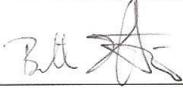
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